

PEARLY COMPLETES RECORD TEST RIDE

Explorer Covers 110 Miles in Three Days.

SMILING AT THE FINISH

Braves Potomac's Icy Winds on Speedway Course.

Astride for First Time in Seventeen Years, Naval Officer Goes Through Physical Ordeal Without Turning a Hair—Meets "Doe Cook" Behind a Mahogany Counter After Completing the Severe Feat.

The wintry blasts off the icy Potomac contain no hidden dangers for Commander Robert E. Peary. Less than a year ago he was in the hands of the navy, and he is now in the hands of the public, the following facts are presented for consideration:

Ten days ago the discoverer of the north pole, now a "naval engineer attached to the Department of Justice," received orders to prepare for the ninety-mile riding test that is prescribed for naval officers. Meditatively the commander stroked his tawny mustache and frowned a polar frown as he said: "I haven't been astride a horse for seventeen years, and have almost forgotten how to mount a saddle. But I'm going to make that ninety-mile ride if I die in the attempt."

It was typical of Commander Peary to make a determination of this sort—and to carry it out. Wednesday morning he started out on the course, a three and one-half-mile loop around the Speedway. He knew he had to complete the ride in three days, and was a trifle worried by the thought.

Smiles at Finish. But at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, after eleven hours of hard riding in all, Commander Peary crossed the finish line with just the suspicion of a smile on his lips. He had demonstrated he knew a few "landlubber" tricks as well as those of a plain seaman. He had used eleven horses in his riding relays, had never once allowed them to slacken down in their ten-mile-an-hour gait, and had emerged from the test with 110 miles to his credit.

Incidentally, the test ride was climaxed with the spice of excitement. After completing the ride, the north pole discoverer made a little reconnaissance to a place of refreshment, where he might find a little "spirited" nourishment. The "little journey" was successful. Then Commander Peary found he had brought no money with him. His pockets were empty.

"I'm afraid I can't pay you for that drink just now, my man," he said to the man behind. "I haven't any money. But I'm Commander Peary."

"The — you are," replied the man in the apron. "Well, I'm Dr. Cook, and I have proofs, specifications, and documents to show you bought a drink and didn't pay for it. I should advise you to come across with some cash, Mr. Commander Peary."

Thereupon an excited colloquy ensued, but the commander was so decisively won over in the argument that he heeded himself a complete surrender. Finally, a happy thought struck him.

Overcoat for Security. "I'm going to leave this overcoat here as a guarantee that I'll pay for this drink. That ought to satisfy you. A man can't wear an overcoat in this kind of weather, anyway," he added.

So the overcoat was held hostage until late in the afternoon. Commander Peary might have given a certain polar watch-chain of his instead of the overcoat, but he would not run the risk of losing it. It is altogether too valuable for that.

Commander Peary astride a horse is a picturesque figure. When he started out Wednesday morning, any tyro could have seen that he would feel far more at home at the north pole than on horseback. It was the first time in seventeen years he had mounted.

Peary made all possible effort to conceal his test rides from his friends and the public, and he nearly succeeded. As a matter of fact, he was never once recognized while galloping fast laps around the Speedway. Part of the time he was accompanied by an aid. On the first day he wore a business suit, but Thursday he added leggings to his attire, and the sartorial effect was most picturesque, to say the least.

Starts Out Strong. Starting out at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, the north pole man rode off thirty miles by noon, and declared he didn't show the slightest symptoms of "charley-horse." He took an hour off for dinner and then completed an even fifty miles by 3 o'clock.

He made exactly the same record Thursday. That rounded off 100 miles. On the third and last day, he had chosen, he might have allowed his horse to finish like a draft horse on a muddy Virginia road and still come under the wire ahead of time.

But Peary does not do things that way. He kept his eleven-hour right up to the ten-mile-an-hour notch and finished his ride at 11 o'clock. No naval officer who has taken such a ride, and who has a better record than the distinguished explorer, and Peary is not as young as a majority of the other officers who rode.

Council in All Night Session. Barcelona, Dec. 30.—The municipal council held an extraordinary session which lasted all of last night. It rejected the budget presented by the committee of the Radicals. This excited the indignation of the Radical minority, who withdrew from the hall.

Coal Famine Due to Strike. Barcelona, Dec. 30.—Owing to the strike of the carters and dock laborers there is a great scarcity of coal at the factories and it is thought that unless the trouble is quickly settled many industries will be crippled and thousands of employees thrown out of work.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Fair and colder to-day; to-morrow, unsettled and warmer; moderate north to east winds.

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FLYING FOR PRIZE, COVERS 365 MILES

Tabuteau Stays in the Air Nearly Eight Hours.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Maurice Tabuteau, flying in a Farman biplane for the Michelin Cup prize, valued at about \$4,000 for the pilot who makes the longest flight in a closed circle, covered 365 miles in 7 hours and 48 minutes at Châlons. On alighting he found his aeroplane coated with ninety pounds of ice. Unless some one beats his record to-morrow he will be awarded the Michelin Cup.

Tabuteau himself held the record up to December 21, when Legagneux took it away from him by a flight of 330 miles in 5 hours and 35 minutes. The competition for this year's prize will close to-morrow. It was won in 1908 by Wilbur Wright, and last year Farman carried it off.

Lieut. de Caumont, of the Eighth Dragons, was killed at Bue to-day. He was making a flight in a monoplane, when the machine capsized and fell to the ground with much violence. Lieut. de Caumont was so badly injured that he died on his arrival at the hospital to which he was carried.

AMERICAN ENDURANCE MARK IS ESTABLISHED BY HOSKEY

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Arch Hoskey established an American endurance record on Dominguez Field to-day when he remained in the air three hours and seventeen minutes, beating the record of A. M. Welsh, made in St. Louis, last October by six minutes.

Hoskey failed, however, to break his world's record altitude flight of Monday. To-day his highest point was 10,575 feet, which is 39 feet below the mark he set Monday. He will go after the Michelin Cup to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock. To win it he must break the record of eight hours and twenty-three minutes, made December 18 last, by Henri Farman at Etampes, France, and the distance record 315 miles, made by Maurice Tabuteau to-day at Bue, France.

Hoskey said to-day after the flight that his failure to break his own altitude record was due to a hole in the engine. As he entered camp he dropped a hundred feet or more and had to climb again.

CEILING FALLS ON AUDIENCE.

Panic Follows Accident at New York Auditorium.

New York, Dec. 30.—Four persons were injured and a thousand others thrown into a panic to-night when a part of the ceiling, twenty feet square, crashed down in the main auditorium of the Educational Alliance, at East Broadway and Jefferson street.

The injured were treated by Dr. Arlock, of Gouverneur Hospital, and then went to their homes. They were Hermann Nottokoff, of Newark; Joseph Zelcowitz, 1 First avenue; Moses Hoewerling, 120 Canby street, and Morris Marsh, 12 Orchard street.

HORRID EXPRESSMAN LOSES GOWN FOR MRS. LONGWORTH

But New York Dressmaker Quickly Sends Similar One to Be Worn at Taft's Reception.

Listen, girls! Supposing you had planned to attend the Taft's New Year's reception, and supposing you had ordered the daintiest gown ever—if you are a girl—and supposing you were anxiously awaiting its delivery—when a horrid man should call you up and say the dress had been stolen from an express wagon. Wouldn't it pique you unspeakably?

Of course it would. Well, that's just what happened to Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of former President Roosevelt.

Just when everything had been arranged and Mrs. Longworth thought her troubles with the dressmakers were over, a telegram came from New York. It was from Farquharson & Wheelock, dressmakers, and contained the information that Mrs. Longworth's ball gown had been stolen from an Adams Express Company wagon in New York.

Immediately there was consternation in the Longworth household. Mrs. Longworth immediately indited a telegram, saying she wanted a gown and was prepared to have one, and what were Farquharson & Wheelock going to do about it? You'd have done the same thing, wouldn't you? Of course you would.

The dressmakers immediately got busy. There was another gown in stock similar to the one that had been stolen. It was made ready for shipment yesterday and was started on its way to Washington under heavy guard.

Mrs. Longworth will have her New Year's reception gown, all right. That's certain, but these horrid express companies ought to be more careful—eh, girls? Of course they should.

Ready to Welcome Alfonso. Mellita, Dec. 30.—Gen. Adave, captain-general of Mellita, has arrived here to make the final preparations for the coming visit of King Alfonso.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return. Saturdays and Sundays, via Penna. R. R. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."

TIT FOR TAT.



OHIO WOMEN DENY CAUSING SCANDAL

Say They Aided in Cleaning Adams County.

VOTES NOT SOLD FOR FINERY

Reports Spread Broadcast that They Urged Husbands to Sell Franchise Arouse Women of State—Evangelist "Billy" Sunday to Take Up Scandal in Lecture Course.

West Union, Ohio, Dec. 30.—The women of this town to-day claimed the credit for the cleaning up of Adams County, in which over 1,000 of its voters have been indicted by the special grand jury for bartering their ballots last election.

The women of West Union and the surrounding country are indignant over the report spread broadcast that they were responsible for the corruption of their husbands—that they urged them to take money for votes in order that they might buy for them the finery possessed by city folk. Mrs. Nettie Plummer said:

"The women protested against the corruption of Adams County long before the men saw anything wrong in vote buying or selling. We urged our husbands to do something. Things got to be so corrupt that no woman who had any control over her husband would allow him to enter politics."

Total Indicted 1,071. Judge Blair to-day announced the total number indicted for selling their votes as 1,071. The county clerk says the number is 1,155. Unofficial counts make the number 1,082. "Billy" Sunday, the famous evangelist, is coming into the purchasable vote zone on New Year's Day, and for six weeks will lambast the corruptors and corrupted. He speaks at Portsmouth, and Adams County folk have declared that Scioto County, in which Portsmouth lies, as well as several other surrounding counties, are as corrupt as Adams County.

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"MAD" FINANCIER TRIES TO END LIFE

Robin Swallows Poison, but It Fails to Work.

COLLAPSES WHILE IN COURT

Tablets Taken Before He Leaves Sister's Home to Face First Indictment for Grand Larceny—Even Chance of Recovery—Taken to the Prison Ward of Bellevue Hospital.

New York, Dec. 30.—When Joseph G. Robin, the kite-flying financier, whose schemes have closed the Northern Bank and the Washington Savings Bank, of New York, was about to face the first indictment of grand larceny against him to-day, he tried to kill himself. He took twelve 1-12 grain pills of hyoscyamine, a poisonous alkaloid, but he didn't succeed. He spent to-night in the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital, where the doctors thought that he had more than an even chance for recovery.

Robin's attempt at suicide was the most sensational move that he has yet made within the past week, since the State officials and the district attorney have been after him. He came down to the Criminal Courts Building to-day to plead before Judge Crain, and while the judge and a crowd of spectators were waiting for the prisoner to appear he collapsed in the adjoining room. It was generally conceded that Robin, in his present serious physical condition, would have died then and there were it not for the immediate medical aid he received.

Says Good-by to Sister. There was not the slightest doubt of Robin's attempt to kill himself to-day. As soon as he began to be affected by the drug he groaned and told Dr. Austin Flint, the alienist retained by former District Attorney Jerome to defend Robin, that he was dying. He said good-by to his sister, Dr. Louise B. Robin, and then a stomach pump was so employed that it brought about satisfactory results.

No one seemed to know for certain Continued on Page 6, Column 4.

TWO DIE IN FIRE.

Three Others Fatally Burned in St. Paul Flats.

St. Paul, Dec. 30.—Two dead, three dying, and ten others injured is the result of a fire in the Concord flats, Eleventh street, between Robert and Minnesota streets, this morning. The dead:

Unidentified woman, aged about thirty-five; body found in ruins.

Anna Ed, aged twenty-five, employed at Emporium Department Store; died at St. Joseph's Hospital from burns.

Fatally injured: Miss Ed, younger sister of Anna Ed, dying at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Rose Moore, forty-five; burned; St. Joseph's Hospital; will die.

Mrs. Anna Lindholm; fell on face jumping from building; St. Joseph's Hospital; will die.

The explosion of a gas stove is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

TEAR MAN TO PIECES.

Bloodhounds Come Upon Alleged Burglar in Old Barn.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 30.—Bloodhounds caught a man who was trailing from Carrier Mills to-day and literally tore him to pieces. A residence in Carrier Mills had been burglarized during the absence of the family, and on their return they ordered the bloodhounds brought to the scene.

The trail was taken up immediately, and so eager were the hounds to land their quarry they broke loose from the keeper and chased the man they were pursuing to an old barn. There he was pounced upon by the hounds, and so terribly mangled that recognition was impossible.

As no one in the vicinity is missing, the man must have been a stranger. Every effort was made to identify the victim, who was buried in a potter's field this afternoon, Roberts, the owner of the dogs, was exonerated.

MAGISTRATES ARE WARNED. Inadequate Bail from Alleged Burglars Leads to Notice.

New York, Dec. 30.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court dissolved to-day the charges brought against City Magistrate Peter T. Barlow, for taking inadequate bail for three alleged burglars, but in its decision said that the magistrate was negligent in the case in question, and exceeded his authority. A warning against doing similar acts was issued to magistrates.

NEW STAR DISCOVERED. English Rector First to See Orb in the Heavens.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 30.—T. W. Dyson, the newly appointed astronomer royal of England, called the Harvard Observatory this evening that Rev. T. E. Espin, of Walsingham, England, had discovered a new star. According to the cablegram, the star's brightness as seen in England was of the eighth magnitude; its position in the sky is 22 hours 22 minutes plus 52 degrees 15 minutes north, which would place it due north in the western part of the sky, about half way between the zenith and the horizon. The spectrum of the star shows two bright lines.

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Choiceest Flowers at Blackstone's. Well developed, long lasting. 14th & H.

SEEK KNOX'S SON.

Lancaster Officials Say He Broke Speed Laws.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 30.—A Lancaster magistrate to-day issued a warrant against a son of Secretary of State Knox for violating the speed law in this city yesterday. An automobile with three men in it raced through Lancaster and it is believed the Secretary's son was one of them.

Suit was entered against him because the license for the machine was issued to the Secretary at Harrisburg. The warrant will be served to-morrow.

TAFT TO BE GUEST.

Will Aid Press Club Celebration New Year's Eve.

President Taft will be the guest of the National Press Club this afternoon at its annual New Year's Eve celebration. There will be an entire absence of formality, however, as Mr. Taft has many times put the taboo on anything but a purely social time when he mingles with the newspaper men.

The President is expected to drop in about 5 o'clock. Tea will be served.

AGED MAN ROBBED OF LIFE SAVINGS

Francis Griffin, 75 Years Old, Loses \$2,900.

Robbed of the savings of a lifetime of hard labor, Francis Griffin, seventy-five years old, a paver employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, is prostrated at his home, 349 G street southwest, while the police of a dozen cities are closing a net about the thieves.

Griffin does not know the exact amount which was stolen from him, but he says there was about \$2,900 in gold and paper currency in his tin treasure box. His estimate of the loss is corroborated by relatives with whom he makes his home.

Charles D. Hickey, a seventeen-year-old nephew, is accused of the theft by Griffin, and it is for the youth that the police are searching. He is supposed to have fled from Washington with another youth, two years his senior, and two women.

The police of Baltimore, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York, and other cities have been requested by Maj. Sylvester to join in the search for the quartet, who are supposed to be "blowing in" the money accumulated in long years of privation and economy by the aged man.

Detectives have uncovered clues which are expected to result in the arrest of the four within twenty-four hours.

Griffin did not discover the theft until last night, but it is believed the money was taken Saturday night, when young Hickey disappeared. The youth knew that his uncle secreted his money in a tin box, but Griffin kept the hiding place of the box a secret. It is thought the boy discovered where the box was kept and made a number of trips to the room, taking various amounts at intervals until he had stolen all of the money.

Kept Treasure Box in Trunk. Griffin occupied a rear room on the second floor, and in an old trunk there he kept the tin box, containing his money. He kept the trunk locked, and thought his savings were secure, but after dinner last night, when he went to the room, he saw the trunk had been opened. He at once lifted the top and found the tin box empty.

Almost frantic at his loss, Griffin ran downstairs, shouting: "I've been robbed. All my money is gone. Call the police."

The aged man was quieted, and word was sent to the police. Detectives Burlington, Cox, O'Dea, and Kleindienst were at once detailed to the case. They were shown the trunk where the tin box had been hidden, and learned from Griffin that \$400 of the money was in gold \$5, \$10, and \$20 pieces. The rest of the money was in bills of various denominations.

Griffin said he had been saving the money ever since he was a lad. He said he feared to place it in the keeping of a bank or other financial institution, and had always thought he was safe from the depredations of thieves, only members of his family knew he had the money.

The police believe that when the thieves are apprehended that most of the lost money will have been spent.

SLEUTH ARRESTS LEGLESS MAN AND HIS RED-HEADED WIFE

Richmond Couple End Flight at Union Station and Are Taken Back to Face Charge of Theft.

Detective Isiah Cox stood at attention beside Inspector Boardman's desk at police headquarters a little after noon yesterday and received the following instructions:

"Go to Union Station and arrest a legless man and a red-headed woman, who arrive at 1 o'clock from Richmond, Va. They are wanted for stealing \$100 from a young society man of Norfolk."

Cox is one of the best known and most experienced men at headquarters, but in his many years' experience he had never received such instructions. Such work is ordinarily considered too simple for a Central Office detective, but Cox went.

At Union Station he had little difficulty in finding the man without legs and the woman with red hair among the throng of passengers who arrived from Richmond. He escorted the couple to police headquarters and their names were inscribed on the blotter opposite the charge of "fugitives from justice."

The man is William J. Green, thirty-two years old, a peddler, who lives at 422 East Broad street, Richmond. The woman is his wife, Tessie Green, also thirty-two years old. The couple are well known in Richmond, and the woman was at one time considered one of the most beautiful women in the Virginia city.

They are accused of enticing T. H. Duke, of Norfolk, to their home Thursday night and robbing him of \$100 and a revolver valued at \$15. The police say Duke arrived in Richmond Thursday afternoon and after cashing a check for \$150 at Murphy's Hotel, started out for a good time. Duke met Green in a saloon and the young "swell" was soon intoxicated. Green invited Duke home and the young man consented to accompany the cripple.

When Duke awoke in the morning he found Green and his wife had disappeared. A note left for him contained the information that they had gone to Philadelphia. Duke notified the police, and it was learned that the cripple and his wife had boarded a train for Washington. Chief of Police Werner wired to Maj. Sylvester asking that the husband and wife be apprehended, and the order was transmitted to Detective Cox through Inspector Boardman. At headquarters, the police say, most of the stolen money was found on Green. The police also assert both husband and wife were under the influence of liquor and carried a supply with them.

Green told the police he lost his legs a number of years ago, while working at his trade of bridge builder. The members were crushed by a falling timber and were later amputated at the knees. Mrs. Green is said to have been married before, having six children by her first husband.

The couple left Washington shortly before midnight for Richmond, accompanied by Sgt. J. F. Wiley, of the Richmond police.

In Making New Year Resolutions. Include a resolution to open an account with banking department of Union Trust Co., 15th and H sts. Interest on all accounts. Deposits subject to check.

REBELLION OVER, ASSERT MEXICANS

Insurrection Crumbles with Mal Paso Battle.

MADERO ARMY ROUTED

Federalists Are Now Marching On to Guerrero.

Following Decisive Victory of Mexicans Over Rebels at Mal Paso, Insurrectos Take to Mountains—Battle Lasts for Several Hours and Large Numbers Are Lost on Both Sides—Madero's Force Decreases.

City of Mexico, Dec. 30.—With the fall of Mal Paso yesterday, the backbone of the revolution has been broken, government officials here assert. The rebel army is completely routed and further resistance in Chihuahua is not anticipated.

Federal troops are preparing for their march against Ciudad Guerrero, which, it is expected, will be taken with little difficulty. There is a small force of rebels at this place.

Heavy fighting preceded the fall of Mal Paso yesterday, according to unofficial advices received here to-day.

Col. Escudero, at the head of 1,600 troops, was sent in advance by Gen. Luque. He met the insurgents on the mountain side at Mal Paso and a battle lasting several hours ensued. The rebels retired, leaving the pass in the hands of the government forces. The exact number of killed and wounded on each side cannot be ascertained at present.

Rebels Put to Flight. There was a small outbreak yesterday near Cordova, state of Vera Cruz. It was of little importance. The rebels attacked one town. The government sent 300 troops against them, and the rebels took to the hills.

Reports from Tabasco say that 150 rebels attacked Santa Ana, a small port on the Gulf of Mexico, state of Tabasco. After attacking the municipal palace and sacking the treasury, they went to Tonala, a town twenty miles distant. The government sent 400 infantry against them. If an engagement resulted it has not been reported.

Yesterday at Tabasco twenty-three rebels attacked the American hacienda Las Colinas. The manager, A. J. Schwenker, was taken prisoner and held for twelve hours. He was released after the plantation had been sacked. All the men employed at the hacienda were forced to join the rebels. Schwenker says he was well treated by the rebels.